THESE THINGS LOOK LIKE THEY CRAWLED STRAIGHT OUT OF HELL!
AND THE GATE WAS OPEN, LURING ME IN! THEN THOSE MONSTERS COME OUT OF NOWHERE. WHAT OTHER TRAPS HAVE YOU SET, WITCH?
YOU! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING ME?
MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU ARE WALKING INTO A TRAP.
BRAVO! BRAVO! YOU LET DOWN YOUR GUARD TOO SOON, BUT OTHERWISE, NOT TOO BAD!
HMMM. SINCE YOU LEFT THAT VILLAGE BACK THERE. WHY? FEELING PARANOID ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I THINK THE LADY OF THE HOUSE WAS EXPECTING YOU SHE'S NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT HER PETS
YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING.
OF COURSE I AM. BUT YOU'RE ALL ALONE AND WALKING INTO THE DRAGON'S LAIR. SO LISTEN UP.
ESMERAUD, THE WITCH THAT OWNS THIS CASTLE, HAS BEEN A BLIGHT ON THIS WORLD FOR MORE THAN 300 YEARS
SHE'S A POWERFUL SORCERESS, WHO CAN SUMMON DEMONS TO DO HER BIDDING. DON'T TRUST ANYTHING YOU SEE OR HEAR
IN HER DEN, NOTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE AND NEVER, EVER UNDERESTIMATE HER POWER, OR HER TREACHERY GOT IT?

IF YOU NEED ME...
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP JUST TELL PANTHER THAT I'LL BE A LITTLE BIT LATE.
HA HA HA! ARE YOU STILL UPSET ABOUT ALL UNPLEASANTNESS BACK IN SOLEIL?
YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO LET GO! CARRYING YOUR DEMONS AROUND LIKE THAT WILL JUST WEIGH YOU DOWN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE.
ABOUT SAD... YOU HAD TO BE AWAKENED WHEN YOU WERE
AND IF YOU HADN'T CUT YOUR TIES WHEN YOU DID, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY

YOU CAN BE MAD AT ME IF YOU WANT. BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP YOU GET WHERE YOU NEED TO GO.
IT WASN'T PERSONAL
?
I DON'T LIKE YOU. STAY OUT OF MY WAY.
KORBO.

SHEESH! DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW I SAVED YOU IN SABLE MINE ? NEVERMIND, YOU'RE NOT LISTENING ANYWAYS
YOU MAK
ME SICK

SO THIS IS ISLE MINE?
WE CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR THIS WRETCHED SCRAP OF LAND? I DON'T SEE THE POINT, REALLY.
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YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THIS IS THE LAST MINE! THE TWELFTH JEWEL IN MY CROWN! AT LAST, THE ENTIRE WORLD IS MINE.

FINALLY, I'M EMPEROR! ABOVE ALL MEN! NO ONE HAS POWER OVER ME! EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD EXISTS SOLELY FOR ME!
I AM A GOD!

I'VE ALSO PREPARED A LITTLE GIFT FOR YOU. SOMETHING I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE.
A GIFT...

I CAN'T KEEP DOING THIS.
I HAVE TO
OF THIS
THERE'S ON
AND DEC
WANT TO
I KNOW YOU CAN'T HEAR ME, BUT I HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE. PRETEND YOU'RE LISTENING, OK?
OF COURSE...
YOU'LL BE C
AND BLUE SO
ENOUGH. LI
ALL THE RE
OF THEM.

YOU'RE FINALLY HERE, MY EMPEROR.
I'LL LIKELY LET YOU LIVE. THOSE ARE MY TERMS.
GROVELING BEFORE THIS POMPOUS ASS MAKES ME ILL
BUT WHAT CAN I DO? I FORESAW HIM CONQUERING THE WORLD, AND HE HAS
WHY IS HE HERE? AND WHAT'S HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT LITTLE FISH, LAPIS?

WELL, EVERYTHING WILL BE MADE CLEAR SOON ENOUGH
YES MILA
SIGH! I'M SO USED TO BEING ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE! I HATE THIS GUESSWORK
SHELL! PREPARE THE GIRL!

WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG? DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING BY NOW?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
DO YOU FEEL SORRY FOR HER?
DO YOU WANT TO SAVE HER?

I LISTEN TO ME VERY CLOSELY, PRECIOUS. IF I FIND OUT YOU'RE DEVELOPING A CONSCIENCE
...OR IF YOU START QUESTIONING MY ORDERS.
...THEN YOU'RE NO GOOD TO ME ANYMORE. REMEMBER THAT. YOU ARE MY DOLL. YOU DO WHAT I SAY.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WAIT HERE"?
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. OH, AND HE SAID THAT HE MIGHT BE LATE.

YOU LET HIM CROSS HER THRESHOLD? ALONE?
HOW COULD YOU?! YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF DANGER HE'S IN!
PANTHER IT'S TIME TO LET GO.
IT'S FUNNY SOMETIMES I MISS THAT CLUMSY RECKLESS KID WE ALWAYS HAD TO RESCUE
BUT HE'S MOVED ON. PAST US AND HE'S BECOME THE LIGHT THAT LEADS US.
HE DOESN'T NEED US ANYMORE. WE NEED HIM.
PANTHER, TRUST ME LAPIS NEE TO GO THE BY HIMSEL

IS THIS ESMERAUD WAITING FOR ME?
I DON'T LIKE THIS.

SOB! SOB!
SOB!
WHO'S THAT?
IS THIS ANOTHER TRAP?
HEY KID, WHERE'D YOU COME FROM? WHAT'S WRONG?

Lapis Lazuli

Love and vengeance.
Two faces of the same coin.
Lapis, who would
save everyone
Lazuli, who would
save only one man.